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the
**SPECTACULAR
SPIDER-MAN**



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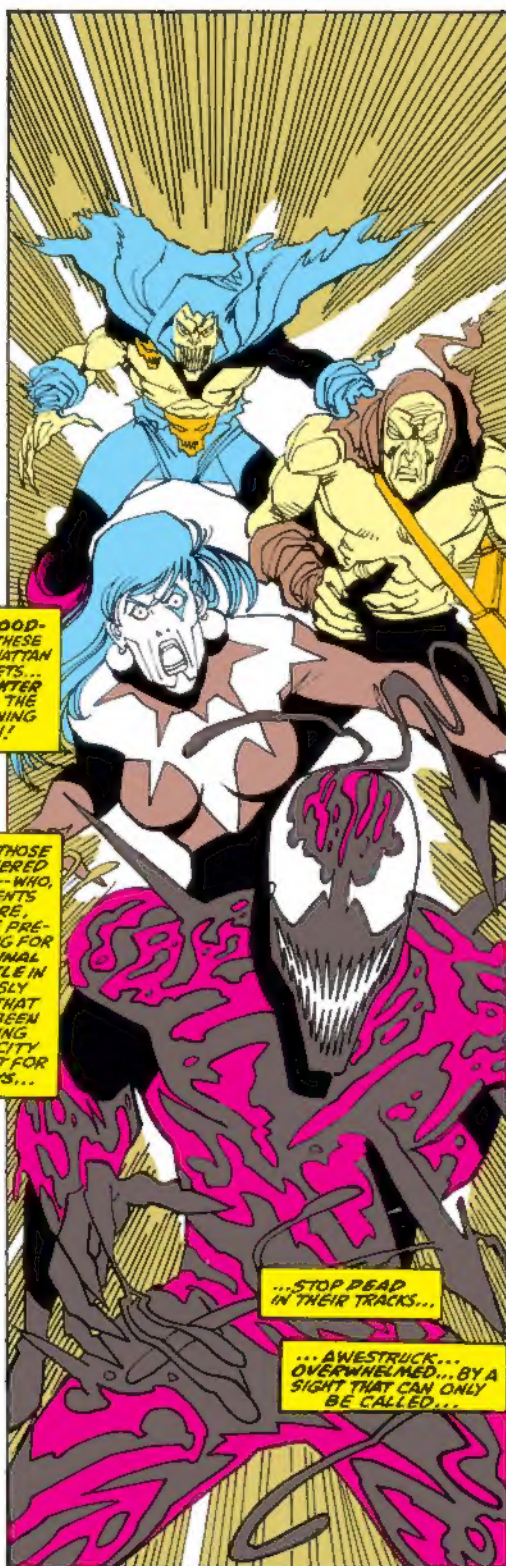


THE
LIGHT!

IT'S
SUDDENLY
EVERY-
WHERE...

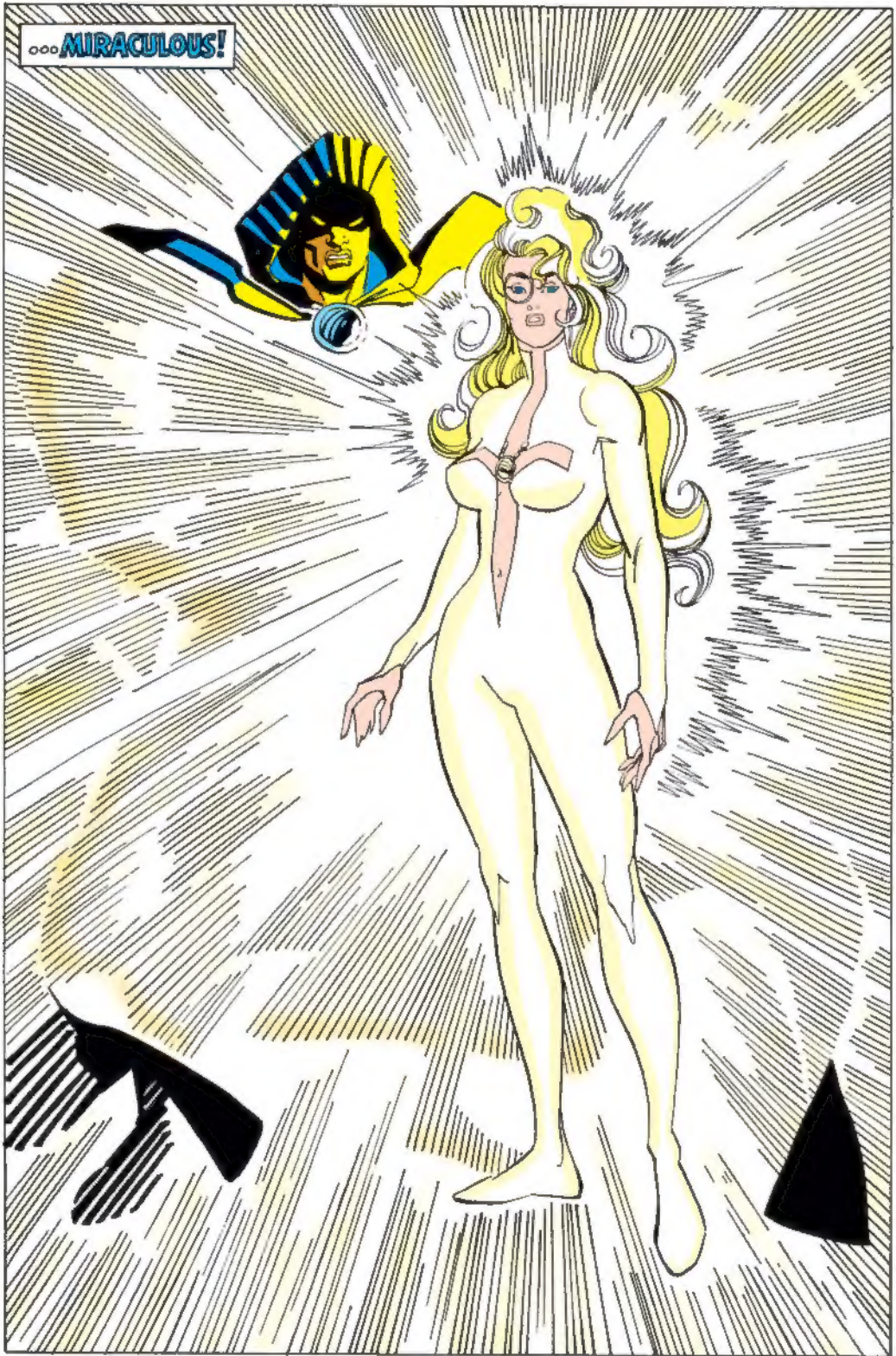
...FLOOD-
ING THESE
MANHATTAN
STREETS...
BRIGHTER
THAN THE
MORNING
SUN!

AND THOSE
GATHERED
HERE--WHO,
MOMENTS
BEFORE,
WERE PRE-
PARING FOR
THE FINAL
BATTLE IN
A GRISLY
WAR THAT
HAS BEEN
TEARING
THIS CITY
APART FOR
DAYS...



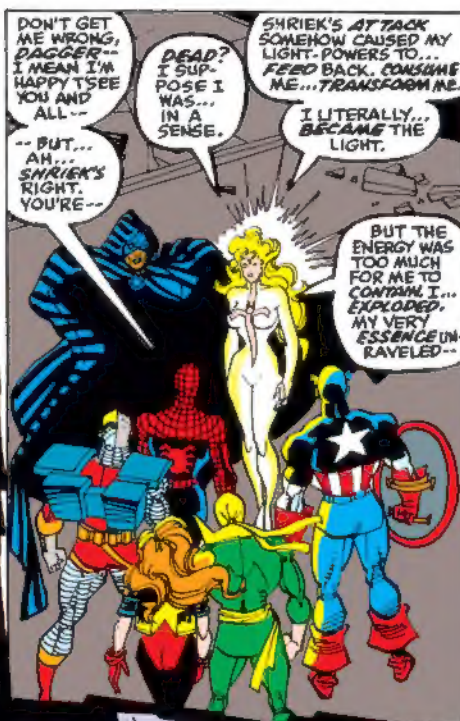
...STOP DEAD
IN THEIR TRACKS...

...AWESTRUCK...
OVERWHELMED... BY A
SIGHT THAT CAN ONLY
BE CALLED...





NO! IT CAN'T BE!
I KILLED
HER!
I KILLED
HER!!



DON'T GET
ME WRONG,
DAGGER--
I MEAN I'M
HAPPY TSEE
YOU AND
ALL--
-- BUT...
AH...
SHRIEK'S
RIGHT. YOU'RE--

DEAD?
I SUP-
POSE I
WAS...
IN A
SENSE.

SHRIEK'S ATTACK
SOMEHOW CAUSED MY
LIGHT-POWERS TO...
FEED BACK, CONSUME
ME... TRANSFORM ME.

I LITERALLY...
BECAME THE
LIGHT.

BUT THE
ENERGY WAS
TOO MUCH FOR ME TO
CONTAIN I...
EXPLODED.
MY VERY
ESSENCE UN-
RAVELED--



ANOTHER FEW SECONDS AND
I WOULD HAVE BEEN DEAD.
LESS THAN DEAD. SCATTERED
FOREVER... ON THE NIGHT
WINDS. BUT I FOUND REFUGE--

--WITHIN CLOCK.
I DREW MY FRAGMENT-
ING CONSCIOUSNESS
INTO HIS CAPE--

--DRIFTING THERE,
ALL THIS TIME, IN THE
DARK DIMENSION--

IT WAS ONLY MY DEEP CON-
NECTION TO TY... THE LOVE
THAT BINDS US... THAT KEPT
ME SANE. GAVE ME THE
STRENGTH TO HANG ON--



"-- LITERALLY
PULL MYSELF
BACK TOGETHER."

"WITHOUT
HIM... WITH-
OUT OUR
LOVE FOR
EACH OTHER...
I WOULD HAVE
BEEN LOST."

**NONONO
NONO!!**

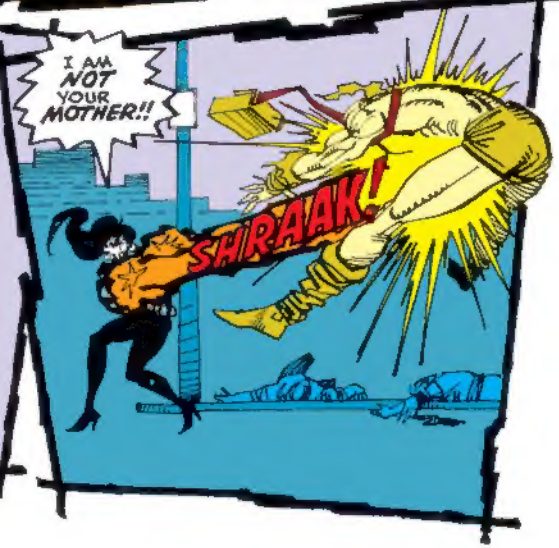
I WAS IN THERE!
IT'S HORRIBLE!
HORRIBLE! NOTH-
ING CAN HELP YOU!
NOTHING CAN
SAVE YOU!

LOVE
LEAST OF
ALL!

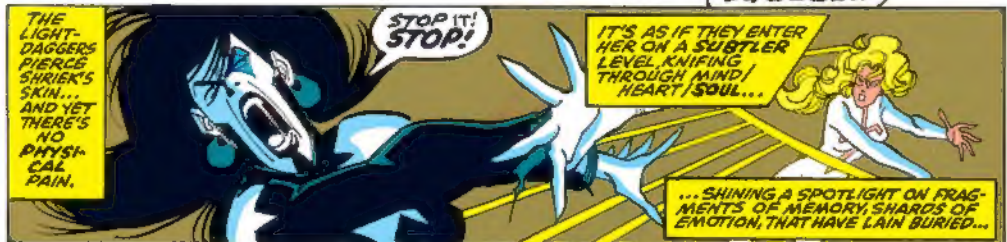
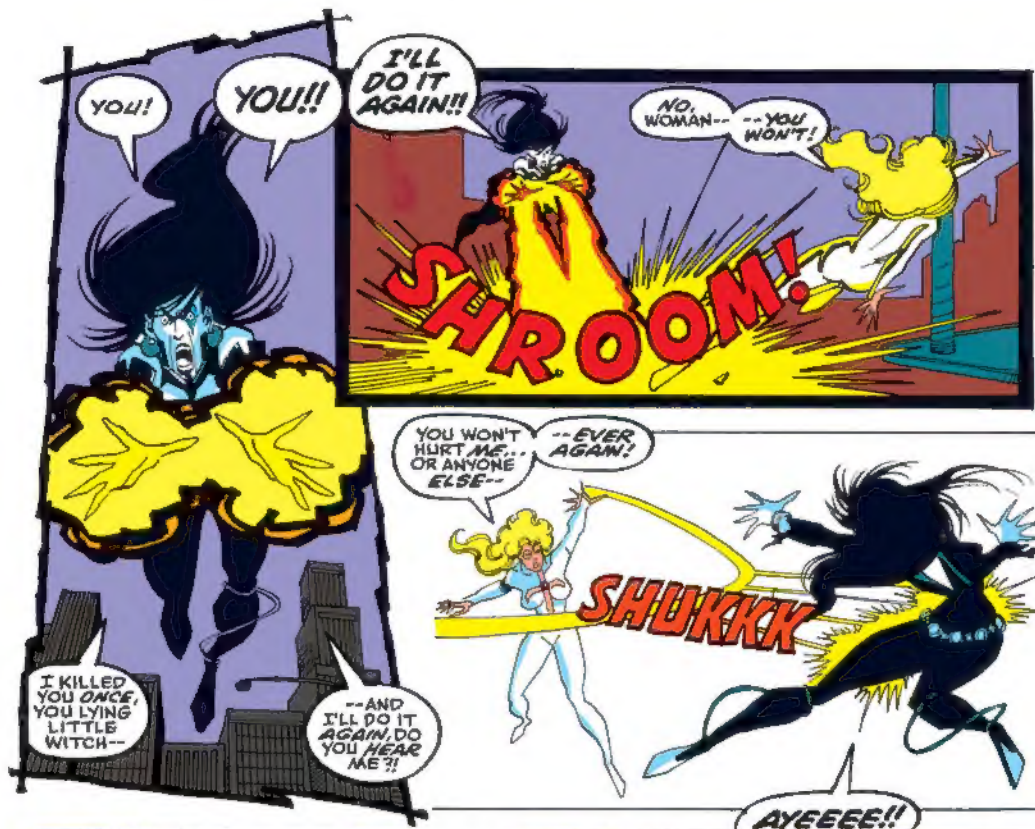


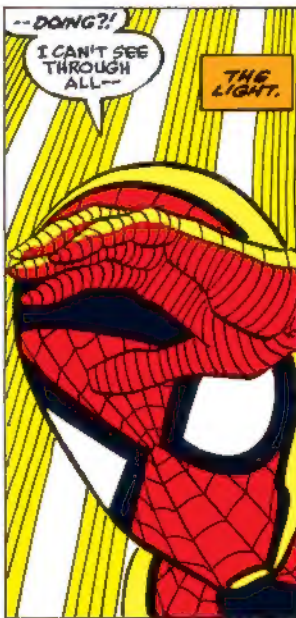
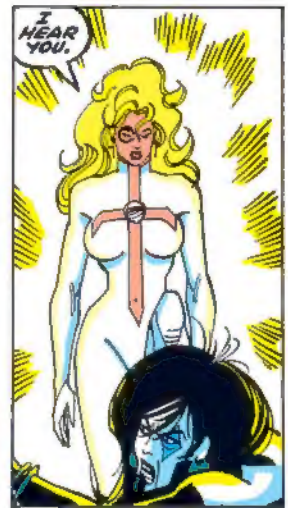
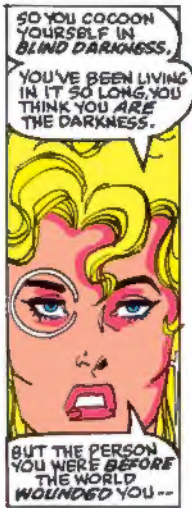
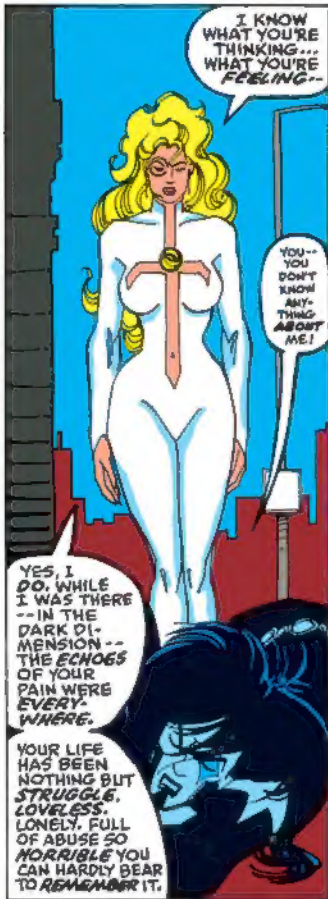
"MOTHER"...
PLEASE-- DON'T
UPSET YOURSELF
LIKE THIS! I--

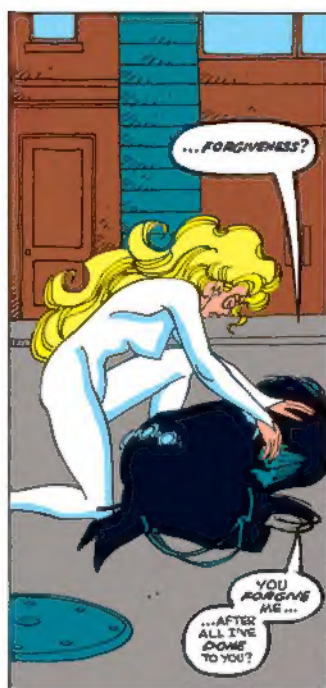
GET THIS
STRAIGHT,
CARRION--

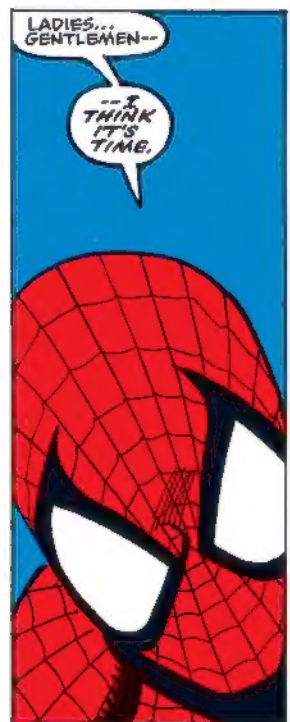
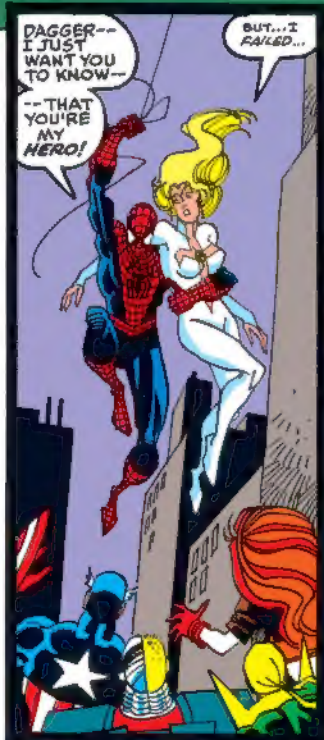
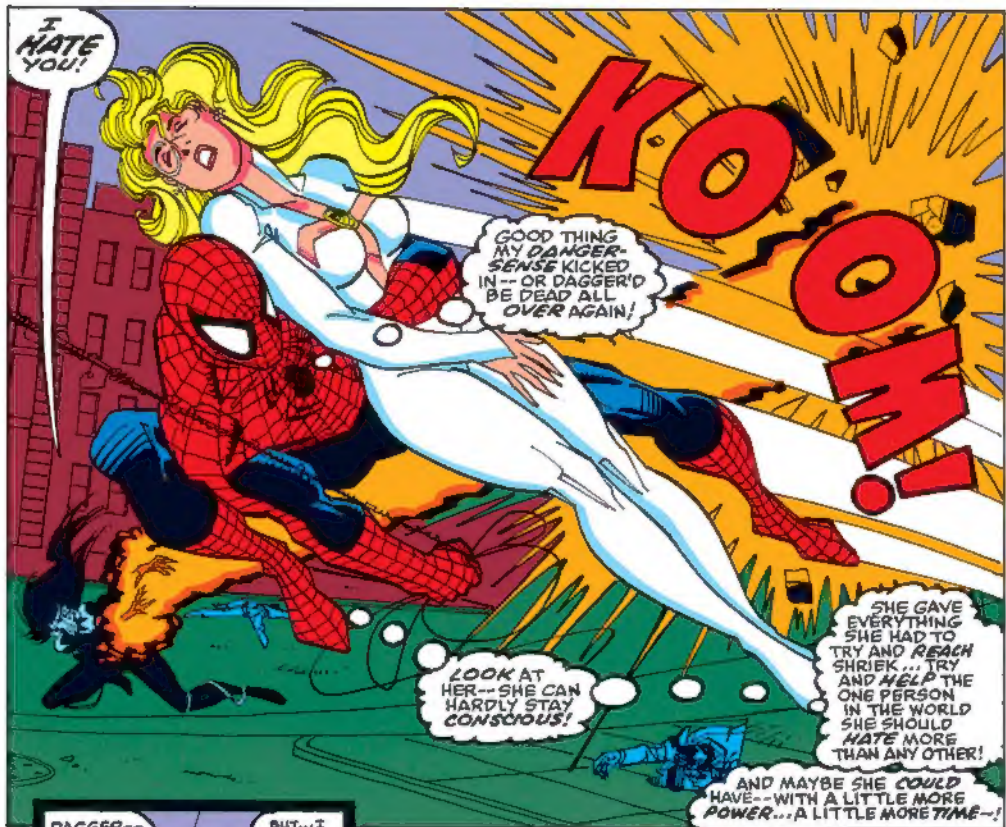


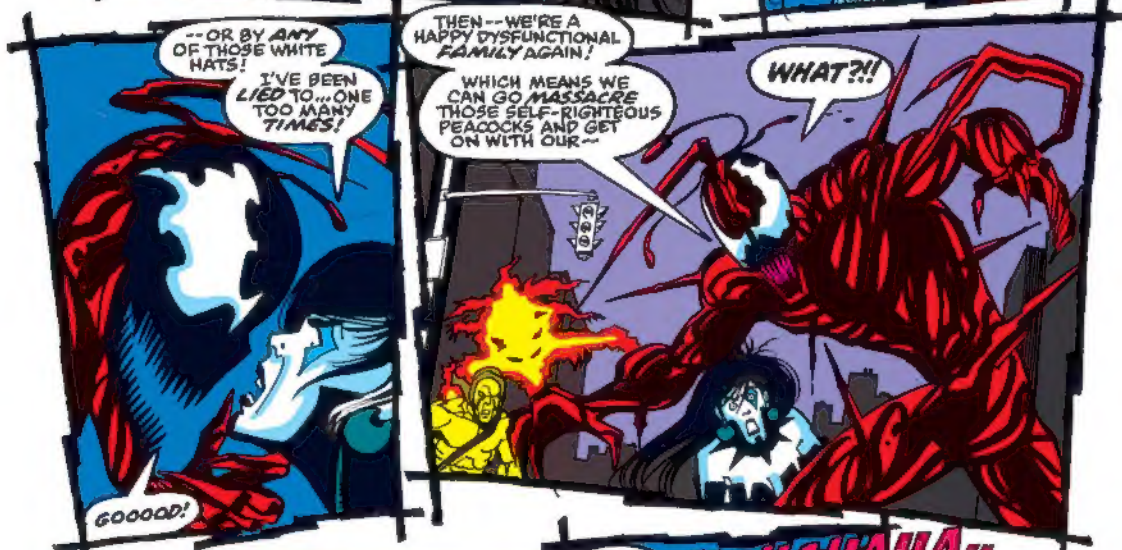
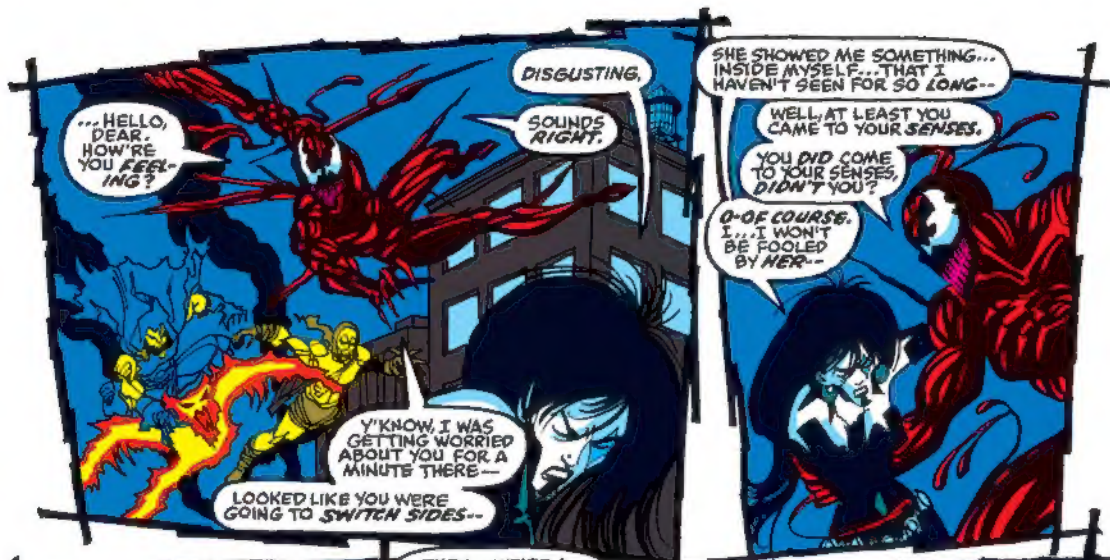
I AM
NOT
YOUR
MOTHER!!

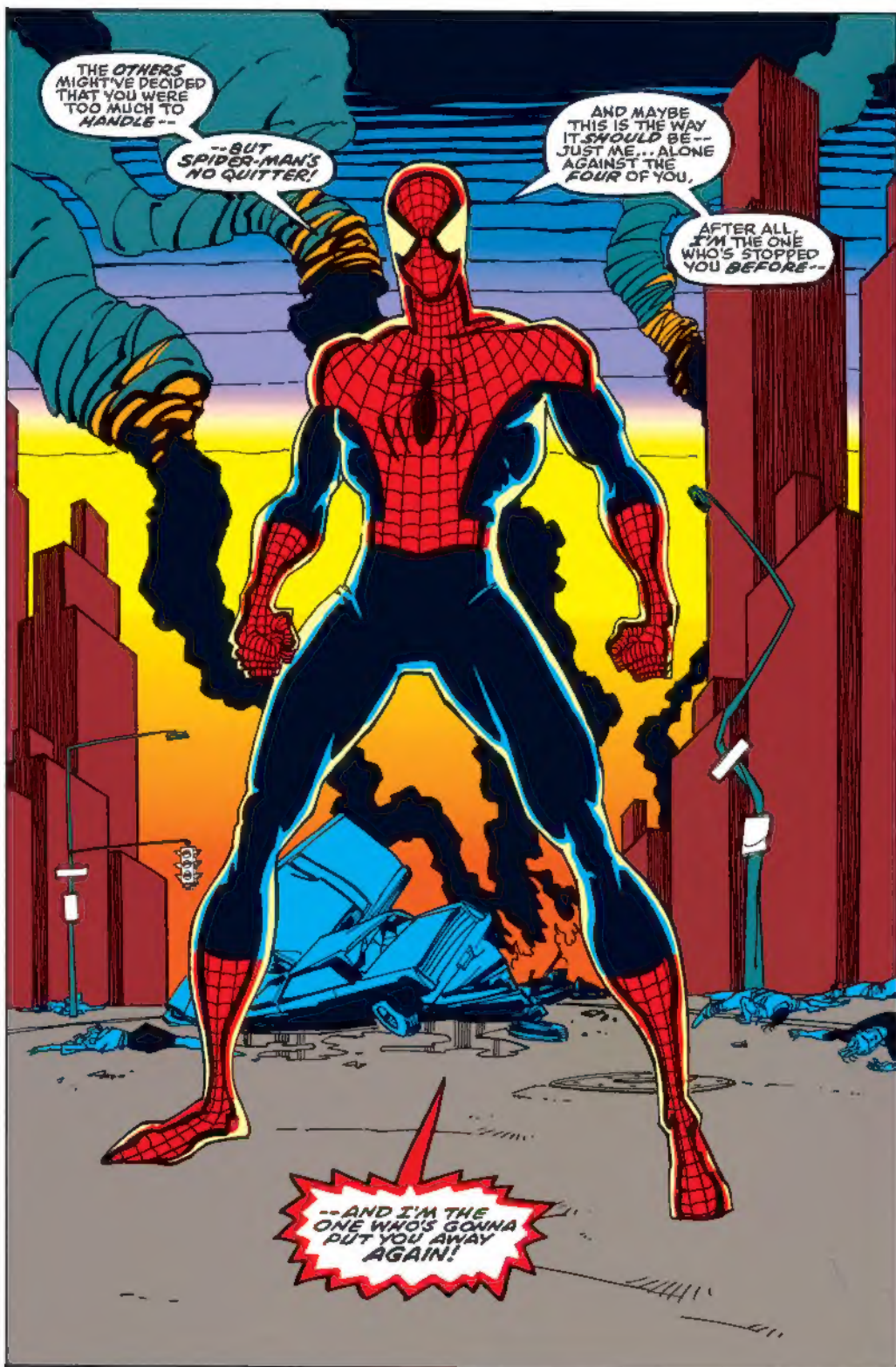












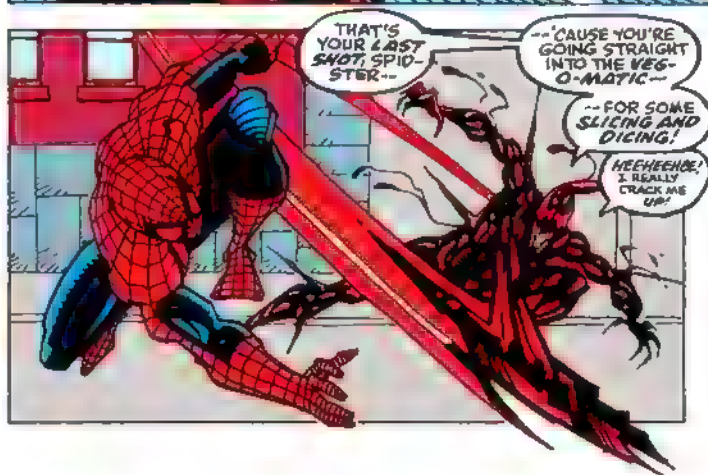
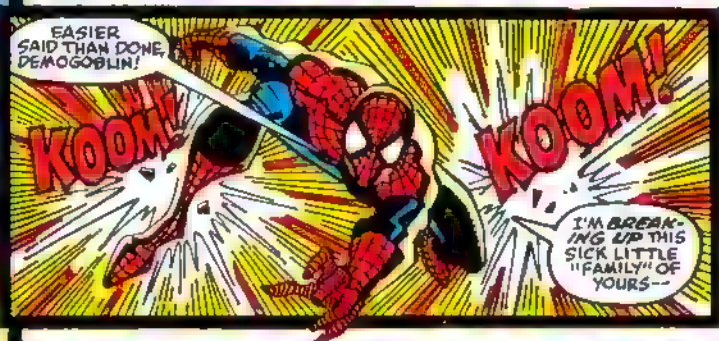
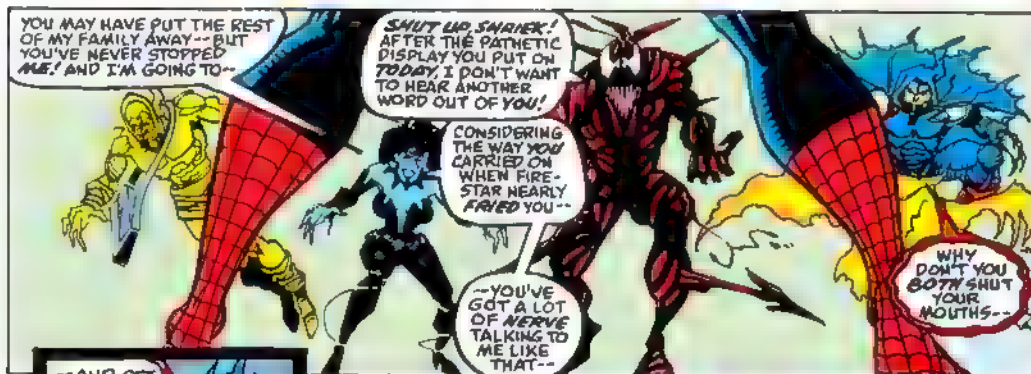
THE OTHERS
MIGHT'VE DECIDED
THAT YOU WERE
TOO MUCH TO
HANDLE--

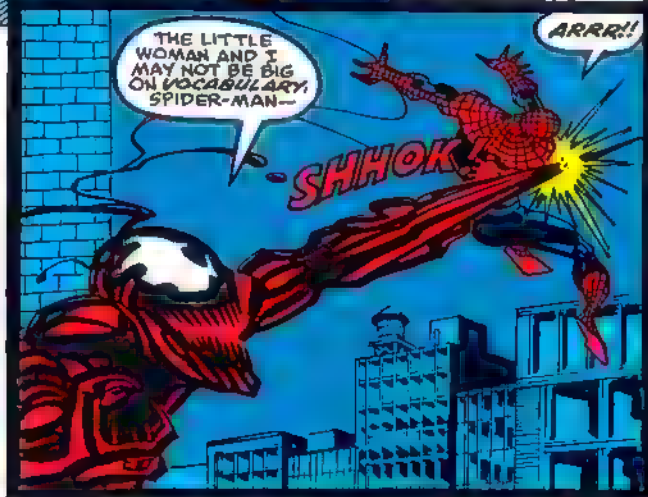
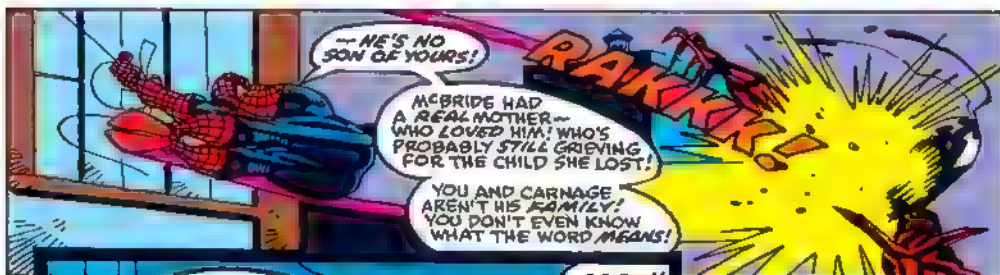
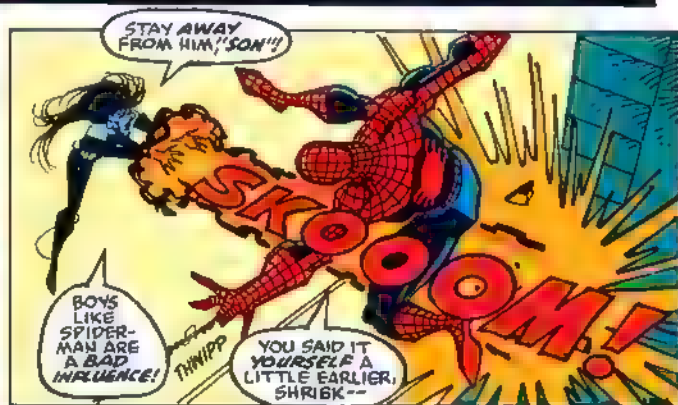
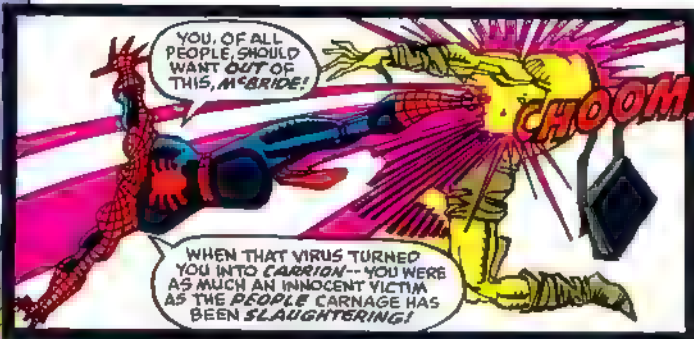
--BUT
SPIDER-MAN'S
NO QUITTER!

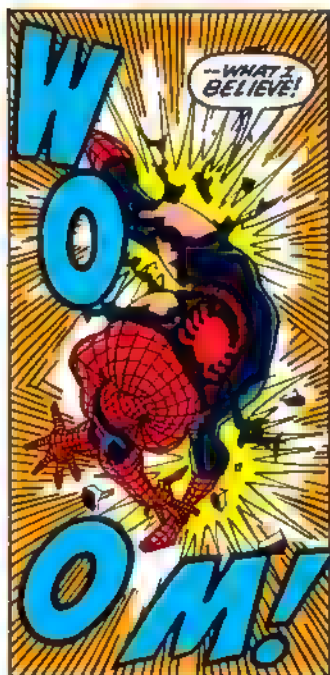
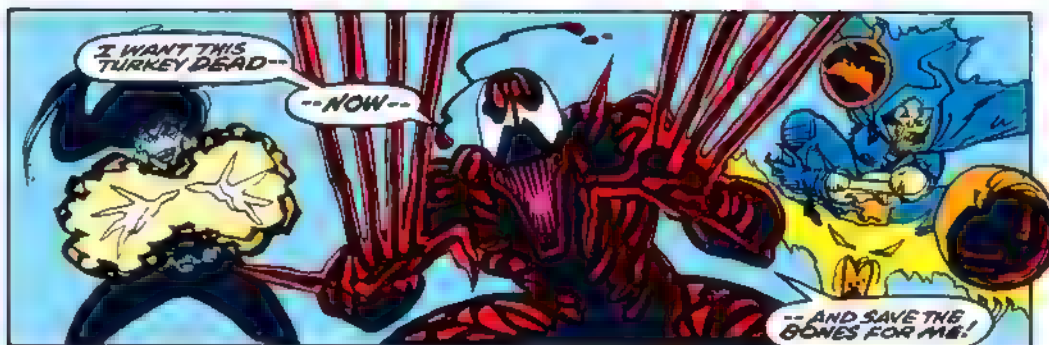
AND MAYBE
THIS IS THE WAY
IT SHOULD BE--
JUST ME... ALONE
AGAINST THE
FOUR OF YOU,

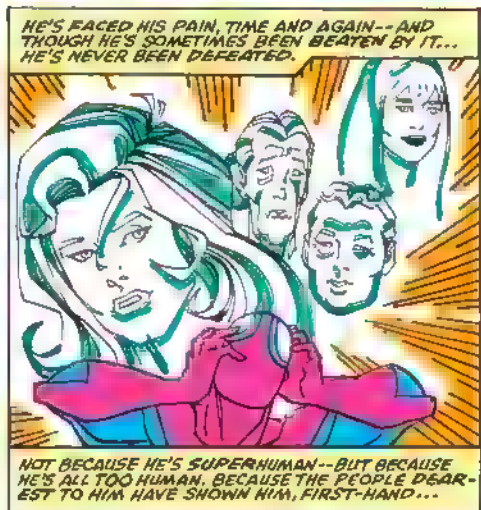
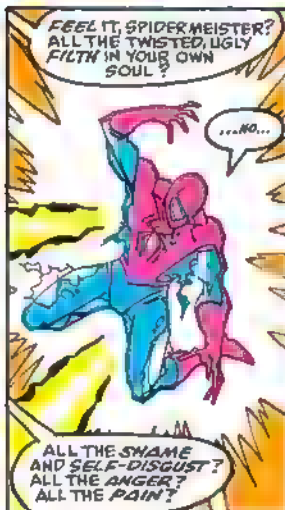
AFTER ALL,
I'M THE ONE
WHO'S STOPPED
YOU BEFORE--

-- AND I'M THE
ONE WHO'S GONNA
PUT YOU AWAY
AGAIN!











...A "GOOD BOMB."

THIS... THIS ENERGY...

IT'S TOO MUCH FOR ME!



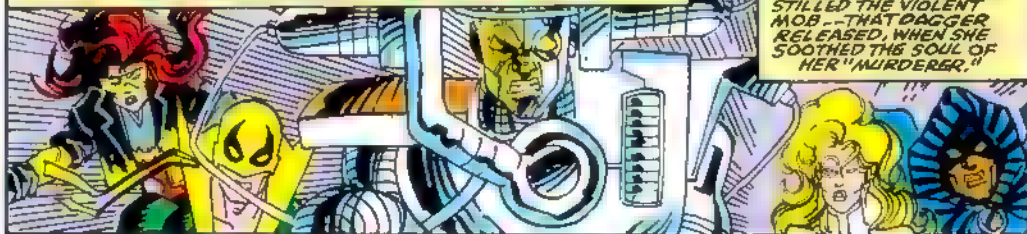
I CAN'T CONTAIN IT!



EARLIER, THE HEROES' VERY PRESENCE TOUCHED SOMETHING IN THE RIOTING CROWD -- BREAKING SHRIEK'S PSYCHIC HOLD OVER THEM.

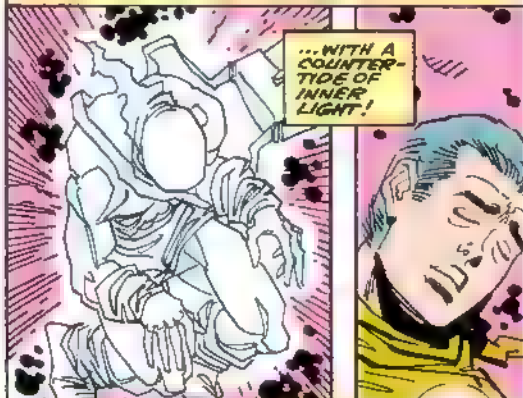
IF SHRIEK HADN'T RESPONDED WITH AN EVEN BIGGER MENTAL "PUSH" THE WAR WOULD HAVE BEEN WON-- THEN AND THERE.

SPIDER-MAN SAW THE SOLUTION THAT HIS ALLIES ENACT EVEN NOW: PUSH BACK--NOT WITH THE SHADOWS OF THE HEART...BUT WITH ALL THAT'S BEST, THAT'S HIGHEST, IN THE HUMAN SPIRIT.



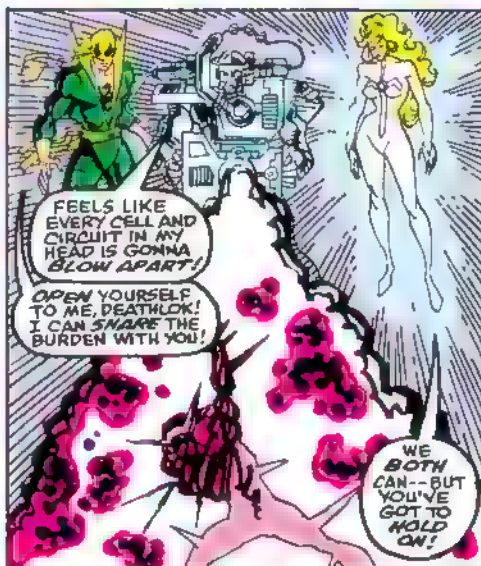
PUSH BACK--WITH THE SAME POWER IRON FIST TAPPED INTO, WHEN HE STILL THE VIOLENT MOB--THAT DAGGER RELEASED, WHEN SHE SOOTHED THE SOUL OF HER "MURDERER."

PUSH BACK--WITH A SOPHISTICATED BIO-FEEDBACK DEVICE THAT AMPLIFIES THE BRAIN'S CALMING ALPHA-WAVES--OVERRIDING SHRIEK'S TIDE OF INNER DARKNESS...



...WITH A COUNTER-TIDE OF INNER LIGHT!

A LIGHT THAT'S HAVING AN ASTONISHING EFFECT ON MALCOLM MCBRIDE--DRIVING THE CARRION VIRUS FROM HIS BODY...AND RESTORING HIS HUMANITY!



FEELS LIKE EVERY CELL AND CIRCUIT IN MY HEAD IS GONNA BLOW APART!

OPEN YOURSELF TO ME, DEATHLOK! I CAN SHARE THE BURDEN WITH YOU!

WE BOTH CAN--BUT YOU'VE GOT TO HOLD ON!

FEELING THE SLIGHTEST
FLUCTUATION IN THE
ALPHA-FIELD--

--DEMOGOBLIN
CONCENTRATES--
USING ALL THE
SUPERNATURAL
POWERS AT HIS
COMMAND--

--TO
BREAK
FREE!

THE TRUTH IS--
HE'S RUNNING
FROM HIM-
SELF.

BUT A LIGHT HAS PIERCED
HIS VEILS OF SELF-DECEPTION
TODAY...ILLUMINATED--NOW-
EVER BRIEFLY--HIS DARK
HEART...AND, AT LONG LAST--

HE VIEWS HIMSELF AS AN
AGENT OF HEAVEN. HIS
VERY EXISTENCE DEVOTED
TO THE EXTERMINATION
OF SIN.

THWIP

--HE SEES
WHERE THE
SIN TRULY
LIES.

KOOM!

YOU DON'T
THINK I'D
LET YOU GET
AWAY... AFTER
ALL I'VE BEEN
THROUGH
TODAY--!

YOU!

I MAY BE
WEAK...
FROM THAT
ABOMINABLE
DEVICE OF
YOURS--

--BUT
I'VE STILL
GOT STRENGTH
ENOUGH TO--

HE'S DOWN--
AND A GOOD
THING, TOO!

...TO...

I'M SO
BEATEN UP,
HE COULD'VE
TAKEN ME OUT
JUST BY BREATHING
ON ME!



I-I'M...
STARTING TO FEEL
LIGHT-
HEADED--
CAN'T THINK
STRAIGHT--!

IT'S CARNAGE!
HE'S FIGHTING
THE WAVE!

YES! I CAN FEEL HIS
MIND TEARING AT US!
DESPERATE... FRIGHTENED!
WE'VE GOT TO END
THIS-- SOON-- OR--

OR
WHAT?



OR HE'LL
TAKE US
ALL DOWN
INTO MAD-
NESS WITH
HIM!

STOP
THEM!

STOP
THEM!

THEY'RE MAKING
ME SEE THINGS...
FEEL THINGS...
THAT I DON'T
WANT TO FEEL!

OH,
GOD...
IT
HURTS!

CARNAGE... IT
WON'T HURT... IF YOU
STOP STRUGGLING
AGAINST IT!

YOU IDIOT!

THERE IS NO
REDEMPTION!

ONLY LIES
AND DEATH
AND--

CAN'T YOU FEEL IT?
THIS IS OUR CHANCE...
TO BE SAVED! TO FIND...
REDEMPTION--

PAIN! IT'S ALL HE
CAN REMEMBER. ALL
HE'S EVER KNOWN.

NEVER A SOFT TOUCH,
A KIND WORD. JUST
ABUSE SO AWFUL, SO
EVIL, THAT HE'S BAN-
ISHED IT FROM HIS
CONSCIOUS MIND.

THE LIGHT SHINES INTO EVERY DARK
CORNER OF CARNAGE'S TORTURED
SOUL... OFFERING HEALING, OFFER-
ING HOPE-- BUT, AFTER SO MANY
YEARS OF LIVING IN A PITCH-BLACK
HELL...

"THESE
CONCEPTS ARE
BEYOND HIS
COMPREHENSION!"



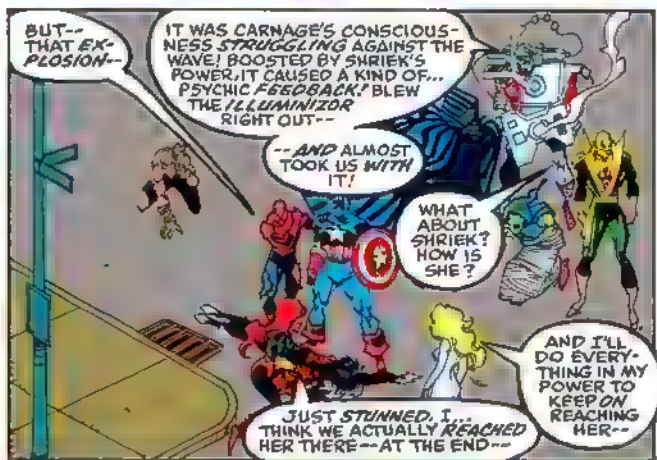
CLETUS...
TAKE MY
HAND--!

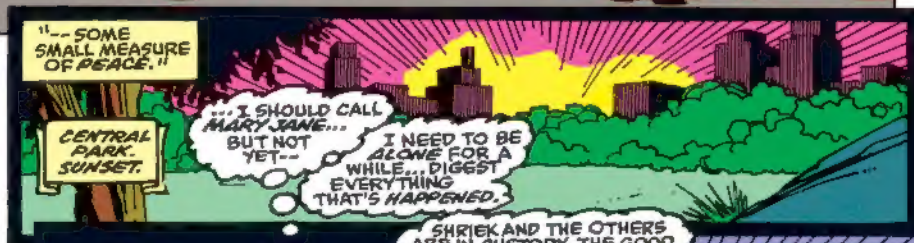
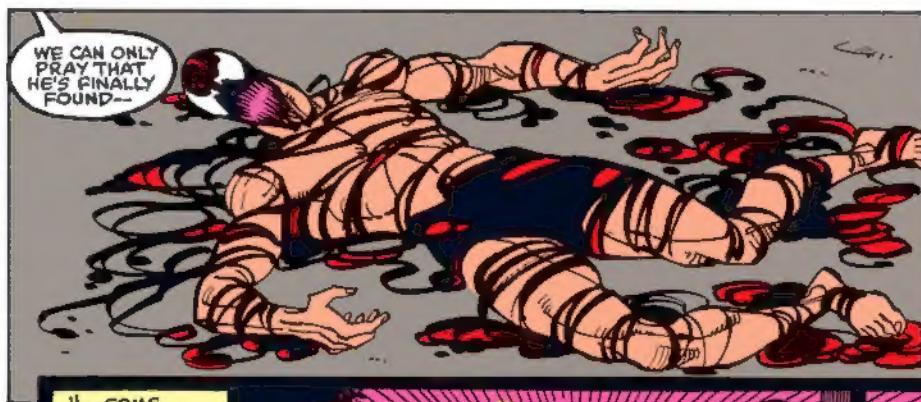
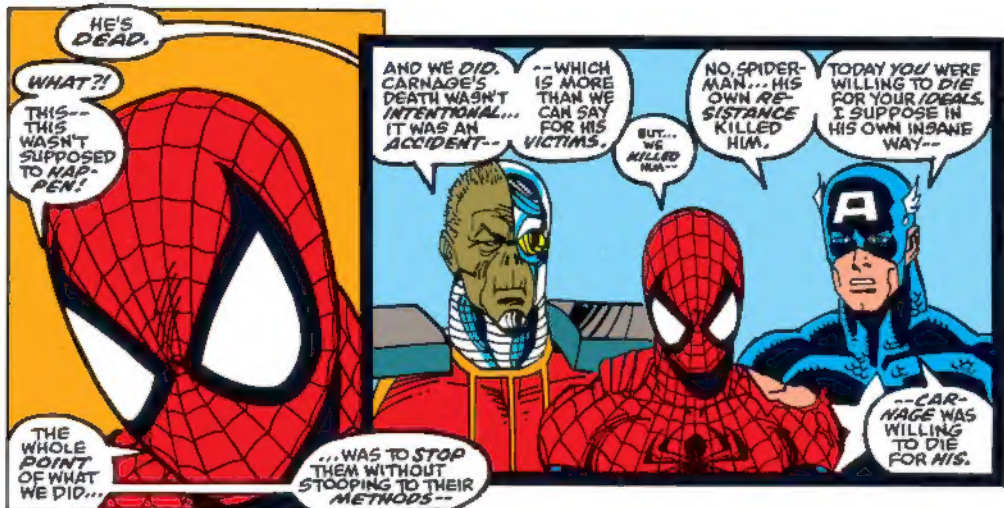


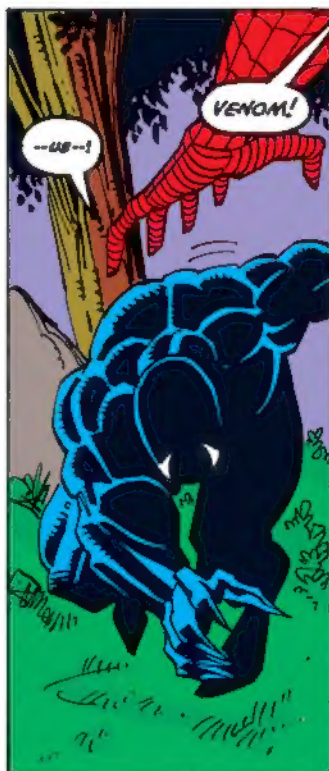
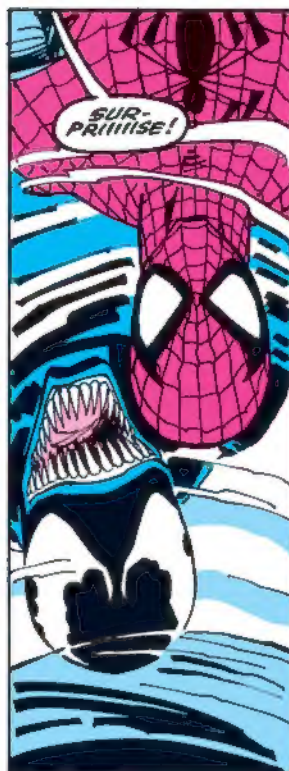
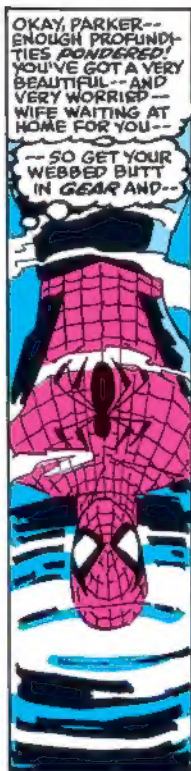
TOGETHER...
WE CAN FIND--

FA-KA-THOOM!











ANWW--

--AIN'T THAT SWEET?

HE MISSES ME!

WELL, DON'T CRY, DADDY DEAREST--

--CAUSE YOUR SONNY BOY --

NO!

--IS ALIVE AND WELL!

YES!

